VIRIDIAN FOREST
YIKI!
OH NO. I'M LOST!!
KUSH
GULP
EEYAAAAAA!!

VISSH!
DRAT THAT DRATIN!
BAG
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'RE NOT HURT!?
OKAY, VENUSAUR VINE--
GNNNNG
--WHIP!!
VISSH
BA-LUMP
WHEW!
YOU GOT'TA BE CAREFUL! SURE YOU'RE OKAY?
YEAH... THANKS

IS THAT YOURS!?
YEAH DON'T LET IT SCARE YOU. VENUSAUR'S AS GENTLE AS THEY COME!
WOW, YOU'RE SO LUCKY! I WISH I HAD A FRIEND LIKE THAT TOO!
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY POKÉMON OF YOUR OWN?
CIK CIK
NO
HMM... OKAY, THEN! TAKE THIS POKÉ BALL. .
AND THROW IT AT THAT RATTATA LIKE I JUST DID BEFORE!
...LIKE THIS!?
FWN
BOM
!!
I'D LIKE YOU TO MEET PIKACHU--AN ELECTRIC POKÉMON! ITS NICKNAME IS "PIKA."
C'MON, TRY GIVING PIKA A COMMAND THIS ATTACK F'RINSTANCE
"THUNDER-SHOCK"?

YEAH! AND HURRY-- PIKA'S WAITING!!
O-OKAY
PIKACHU... THUNDER-SHOCK!!
BLEZT BLEZT BLEZT
MAN! YOU CAN TELL PIKA'S HAPPY TO BE BACK IN THE HOME FOREST!
OKAY THAT LAST ONE WE DEFEATED, BUT THIS ONE WE'LL JUST WEAKEN.. AND THEN...
WOBBLE WOBBLE
NOW! NOW THROW THE POKÉ BALL AT IT!
FOOOM
HYAH!!
IT'S IN THE BALL!!
YOU CAPTURED IT! THAT MEANS YOU'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR IT--AND IT'LL DO WHATEVER YOU SAY!
OOH NICE TO MEET YOU, RATTATA!
DOESN'T MATTER HOW BIG A POKÉMON IS, THE POKÉ BALL WILL SHRINK IT DOWN..
...AND IT'LL FIT IN YOUR POCKET!!

WHOOOOO OOOOOO
!

WH-WHAT'S HAPPENING..!?!
IT'S OKAY DON'T BE AFRAID.
BUT THERE IS SOME-THING STRANGE..
WILD POKEMON USUALLY AREN'T SO SAVAGE!!

GROOOAR
EEEEK!!
RUN!!

SHP
HERE TOO!!

WOH
SHOOT!!

BM

PFF PFF PFF
!?
!?
WHEW
FLAP
HEH HEH HEH.
WHEN THINGS ARE COMING AT YOU FROM ALL DIRECTIONS THE ONLY WAY TO GO IS UP!!
FLAP
SO WHERE DO YOU LIVE, KID?
VIRIDIAN CITY.
OKAY, THEN--VIRIDIAN CITY IT IS!
HWOOSH
ANOTHER THING. THAT DRATINI SHOULDN'T EVEN BE IN THE FOREST! AND WHY DID THEY ALL ATTACK AT ONCE?
WHAT'S GOING ON?

VIRIDIAN CITY
WHERE WERE YOU!?
I TOLD YOU TO STAY OUT OF THE FOREST! WEIRD THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING THERE!
DO YOU KNOW HOW WORRIED WE--!?
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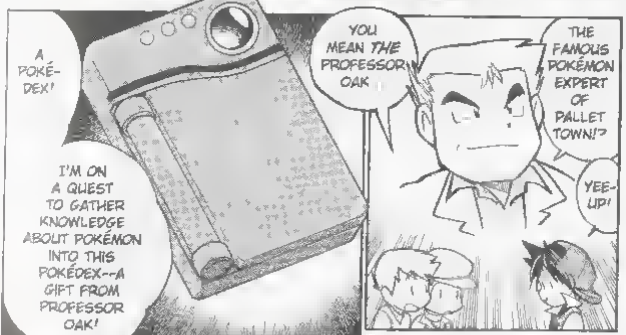
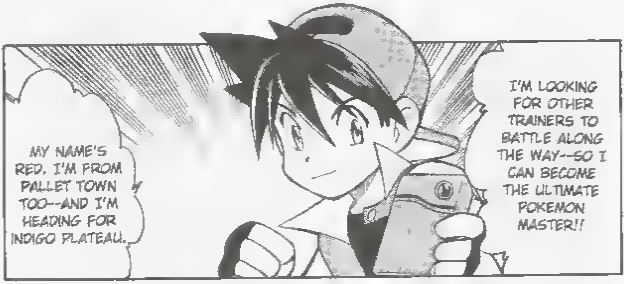
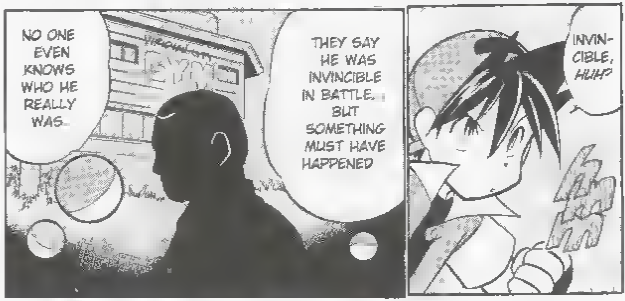
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, "WEIRD THINGS"!?
LIKE DOZENS OF POKÉMON SUDDENLY APPEARING-- EVEN KINDS WE'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!

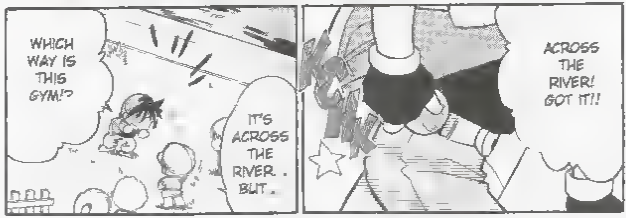
SO WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE VIRIDIAN FOREST.?
CHK
WHAT'S THAT!?

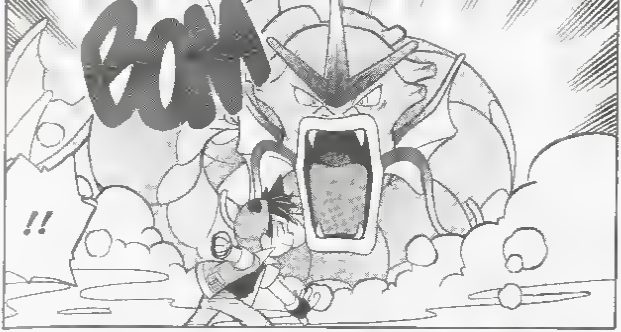

A POKÉ-DEX!
I'M ON A QUEST TO GATHER KNOWLEDGE ABOUT POKÉMON INTO THIS POKÉDEX--A GIFT FROM PROFESSOR OAK!
YOU MEAN THE PROFESSOR OAK
THE FAMOUS POKÉMON EXPERT OF PALLET TOWN!?
YEE-UP!


I'M LOOKING FOR OTHER TRAINERS TO BATTLE ALONG THE WAY--SO I CAN BECOME THE ULTIMATE POKEMON MASTER!!
MY NAME'S RED. I'M FROM PALLET TOWN TOO--AND I'M HEADING FOR INDIGO PLATEAU.

OH, WELL, SORRY, BUT..THIS TOWN DOESN'T HAVE ANYONE WHO COULD MATCH UP TO YOU
...? WHY NOT?
THE GYM'S BEEN CLOSED FOR A LONG TIME AND THE GYM LEADER'S NOWHERE TO BE FOUND


NO ONE EVEN KNOWS WHO HE REALLY WAS.
THEY SAY HE WAS INVINCIBLE IN BATTLE. BUT SOMETHING MUST HAVE HAPPENED
INVINCIBLE, HUH?


WHICH WAY IS THIS GYM!?
IT'S ACROSS THE RIVER. . BUT..
ACROSS THE RIVER! GOT IT!!


BOOM
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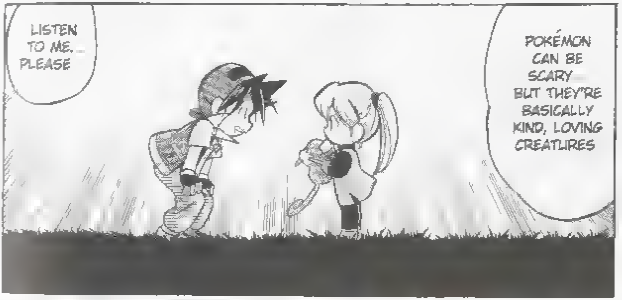
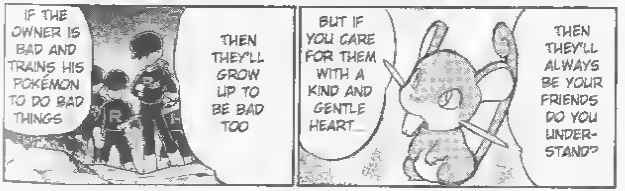
EEEYAAA!!
IT'S HUGE!!
WHOA. IT'S OKAY!!
DON'T BE SCARED!!


LISTEN TO ME... PLEASE
POKÉMON CAN BE SCARY... BUT THEY'RE BASICALLY KIND, LOVING CREATURES


IF THE OWNER IS BAD AND TRAINS HIS POKÉMON TO DO BAD THINGS
THEN THEY'LL GROW UP TO BE BAD TOO
BUT IF YOU CARE FOR THEM WITH A KIND AND GENTLE HEART...
THEN THEY'LL ALWAYS BE YOUR FRIENDS DO YOU UNDERSTAND?

I DO
AS LONG AS YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT SIDE!
OKAY, THEN--LET'S GO!
W-WAIT! THE BRIDGE IS WAY THE HECK OVER--
HYAAAH!!
THANKS!!
GET
POW
RETURN!!
SWIRRLLL
pWap
SEE YA LATER!
...
gasp
...AMAZING...

VIRIDIAN CITY
GYM
THE GYM.
HERE .
OKAY.. THIS IS THE PLACE!
TO RECONNOITER A PLACE LIKE THIS
CHK
. . VENUSAUR'S VINE IS PERFECT.
FIRST LET'S TAKE A LOOK AROUND THE OUTSIDE ..
SHRRR SHLRRR
VENUSAUR!!

THIS IS THE SAME PLACE THE PROF AND I CAME TO LOOK FOR YOU! SO IT'S BEEN CLOSED EVER SINCE THEN..
VIRIDIAN GYM
CLOSED
THE INVINCIBLE MISSING GYM LEADER..
I'VE GOT TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON HERE!
BUT THERE'S NO CLUE.. TO ANYTHING!
GUESS WE'D BETTER GO INS HUH?
HEY! WAIT!!
WHOA. IT'S PITCH DARK
KRIT
SOMEONE'S THERE!!
!

VIRIDIAN GYM LEADER.. UMMM
VIRIDIAN GYM LEADER
CAN'T EVEN READ THE NAME. IT'S BROKEN OFF.
BUT I HAVE THE FEELING THAT I'VE SEEN THIS FACE SOMEWHERE BEFORE.
BUT WHERE!?
?
GNG GNG
V-VENUSAUR!! WHAT IS IT!?
POP!
!?

ZOOM
YOU CAME AS I THOUGHT YOU WOULD. WELCOME TO THE VIRIDIAN CITY GYM
WH-WHO ARE YOU!?
I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME FOR YOU, RED OF PALLET TOWN!
HOW DOES HE KNOW MY NAME!?
HMPH